

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

LIBERTY DAY

2006

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the rights and liberties that we as Americans enjoy are guaranteed by the documents that our Founding Fathers created: The Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution with its Bill of Rights; and

WHEREAS, Thursday, March 16, 2006, marks the 255th anniversary of the birth of James Madison, the "Father of the Constitution"; and

WHEREAS, James Madison was a contributing author of the Virginia Plan, which was the model and basis of discussion for forming our nation's Constitution during the Constitutional Convention of 1787; and

WHEREAS, James Madison, Alexander Hamilton and John Jay kept written records of the debates in the Federal Convention of 1787, and these records became known as the Federalist Papers; and

WHEREAS, the Federalist Papers continue to be considered some of the best arguments for our nation's form of government; and

WHEREAS, during his service in the United States House of Representatives from 1789 to 1797, James Madison introduced the Bill of Rights to Congress; and

WHEREAS, James Madison served as Secretary of State of the United States from 1801 to 1809, and was President of the United States from 1809 to 1817; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to set aside a day to honor James Madison for the role he played in providing Americans with the liberties that we continue to hold dear today;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 16, 2006, as "LIBERTY DAY" in North Carolina, and commend this observance to all our citizens.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Raleigh this twelfth day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand and five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirtieth.